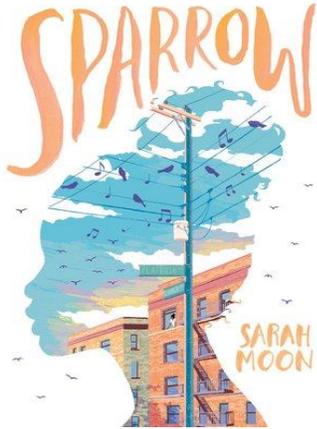


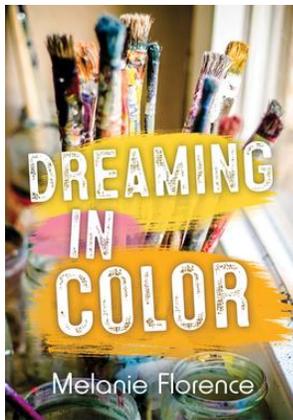
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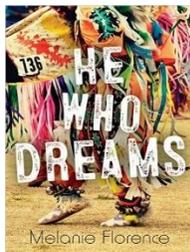
Do you have any idea what it is like to be so shy that you can't talk to people? Sparrow does. She escapes from uncomfortable situations by flying with the birds. She ends up in the hospital because everyone thinks she was trying to commit suicide. She is then forced to go to therapy, which changes her life by helping her to find her way forward through music. *Sparrow* by Sarah Moon shows how isolated some can feel and the bravery required just to navigate the world.

Indigenous Focus



Dreaming in Color by Melanie Florence

Jennifer McCaffrey has been accepted into a prestigious art school. She works hard at incorporating her Indigenous culture into her art. Some think she only got in because she is Indigenous and they set out to sabotage her. When her beading art work is destroyed before the big show, she digs deep and creates a piece that rises above the racism. This is a companion novel to *He Who Dreams*, which I have previously recommended. They are about a brother and sister of mixed heritage – Cree and Irish, who fight to overcome the racism they face.



Orca Book Recommendation



Skylark by Sara Cassidy

Living in her car with her mom and brother is not a great way to spend her teenage years, but until they get subsidized housing, this is home for Angie. When she attends Slam Night at the Spiral Café, she finds an outlet for all her thoughts and emotions bottled up inside. She learns that “every word counts”. She learns how to write poetically, how to rhyme, and how to make the listener feel. This story is filled with hope and overcoming challenges. It may even teach you a bit about poetry and what it means to be home.

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